

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Of the Twenty-third Biennial Session of the Legislature of the State of Florida, under the Constitution of the State, A. D. 1885, begun and held at the Capitol in the City of Tallahassee, Florida, Tuesday, the seventh day of April, A. D. 1931, at 12:00 o'clock, noon, being the day and hour fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for the convening of the Legislature.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1931

The Senate convened at 12 o'clock, noon, and was called to order by Hon. J. J. Parrish, President of the Senate.

Secretary Robert W. Davis, by direction of the President, called the roll of the hold-over members of the Senate and the following answered to their names:

HOLD-OVERS

Hon. Purl G. Adams, 1st District.
Hon. Ray Neel, 3rd District.
Hon. S. C. Council, 5th District.
Hon. John J. Swearingen, 7th District.
Hon. E. J. Irby, 9th District.
Hon. John W. Watson, 13th District.
Hon. E. M. Johns, 15th District.
Hon. S. A. Hinely, 17th District.
Hon. F. O. King, 19th District.
Hon. J. W. Turner, 21st District.
Hon. T. G. Futch, 23rd District.
Hon. L. H. Howell, 25th District.
Hon. W. D. Bell, 27th District.
Hon. T. J. Knabb, 29th District.
Hon. A. M. Taylor, 31st District.
Hon. A. W. Young, 33rd District.
Hon. A. H. Wagg, 35th District.
Hon. J. J. Parrish, 37th District.

The Secretary of the Senate announced that the Secretary of State had certified to the election of the State Senators at the general election of November 4th, 1930, and the same had been filed.

The Secretary, by direction of the President, called the roll of Senators elected at the general election on November 4th, 1930, and the following answered to their names:

TO BE SWORN IN

Hon. Herbert P. Caro, 2nd District.
Hon. H. H. Lewis, 4th District.
Hon. S. W. Anderson, 6th District.
Hon. W. C. Hodges, 8th District.
Hon. G. Frank Andrews, 10th District.
Hon. S. D. Harris, 11th District.
Hon. F. P. Parker, 12th District.
Hon. Bernard H. English, 14th District.
Hon. J. B. Stewart, 16th District.
Hon. J. Turner Butler, 18th District.
Hon. W. T. Gary, 20th District.
Hon. S. D. Clarke, 22nd District.
Hon. Arthur Gomez, 24th District.
Hon. S. J. Hilburn, 26th District.
Hon. W. C. Chowning, 28th District.
Hon. John Bradshaw, 30th District.
Hon. J. Maxey Dell, 32nd District.
Hon. Pat Whitaker, 34th District.
Hon. M. O. Harrison, 36th District.
Hon. Samuel W. Getzen, 38th District.

Prayer by the Rev. W. F. Dunkle, Chaplain.

The oath of office was administered to the foregoing recently elected Senators by the Hon. Rivers H. Buford, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida.

A quorum of the Senate was announced.

The Senate proceeded to the organization of the body.

Senator Swearingen presented the name of the Hon. Pat Whitaker of the 34th Senatorial District to be President of the Senate for the ensuing two years.

There being no other nominations, Hon. Pat Whitaker was elected by acclamation and was declared the President of the Senate.

Senator Swearingen moved that a committee of three be appointed to escort the newly-elected President to his seat.

Which was agreed to.

And Messrs. Swearingen, Taylor and Lewis were appointed. Hon. J. J. Parrish, former President of the Senate, received the newly-chosen President and introduced him to the body.

The Hon. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court administered the oath of office to Mr. Pat Whitaker as President of the Senate.

Senator Swearingen placed in nomination the name of Hon. J. W. Turner of the 21st District to be the President pro tempore of the body.

There being no other nominations, Hon. J. W. Turner was elected to be President pro tempore of the Senate by acclamation, and was escorted to a seat by the President's side by a committee composed of Messrs. Futch, Gary and Swearingen.

Senator Swearingen presented the name of Robt. W. Davis to be Secretary. There being no other nominations, Hon. Robt. W. Davis was elected Secretary of the Senate by a rising vote.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court administered the oath of office to Hon. Robt. W. Davis as Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Swearingen presented the name of Hon. Chas. A. Finley to be Secretary Emeritus of the Senate. There being no other nominations, Hon. Chas. A. Finley was elected Secretary Emeritus of the Senate by acclamation.

Senator Stewart moved that the remaining attaches nominated and named by the hold-over Senators be read and voted on *en bloc*.

Which was agreed to.

And the Secretary presented the following list of attaches:

Sergeant-at-Arms—J. W. Kelly, Live Oak.
Reading Secretary—Miss Kate Inman, Tallahassee.
Bill Secretary—B. H. Simmons, Graceville.
Assistant Reading Secretary—Rev. Ray Y. Walden, Oxford.
Page—Purl G. Dean, Jacksonville.
Assistant Secretary—Douglas Bell, Arcadia.
Stenographer—Miss Myrt Booth, Carrabelle.
Doorkeeper—Henry R. Hall, Clearwater.
Stenographer—Miss Edna Slocum, Branford.
Assistant Bill Secretary—Howard Sapp, Panama City.
Page—John Koppers, Vero Beach.
Stenographer—Marguerite Darby, Lake City.
Journal or Mailing Secretary—Mrs. George McCrory, Sanford.
Page—Miss Betty Frazier, MacLenny.
Messenger and Postmaster—John Neel, Westville.
Page—Ralph Bernard Parrish, Titusville.
Stenographer—Hilda Williams, Lakeland.
Bill Messenger to Senators—Julian Turner, Cedar Keys.
Engrossing Secretary—Mrs. J. C. Sasser.
Stenographer—Mrs. Amanda Downing, Palm Harbor.
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—J. K. Williamson, Tallahassee.
Enrolling Secretary—Mrs. Rose Toohey, Vero Beach.
Chaplain—Dr. W. F. Dunkle, Tallahassee.
Senate Index Secretary—Miss Eleanor Bowdoin, Tallahassee.
Janitor—J. J. Bloomquist, Carrabelle.

The above mentioned attaches were duly elected to serve the ensuing session.

The oath of office was administered to the above named attaches by the Hon. Rivers H. Buford, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida.

Senator Hodges moved that the manner of the selection of the desk force of the Secretary of the Senate for this session of the Senate shall be the same as it was at the last session and under the selection, direction and control of the Secretary of the Senate.

Which was agreed to.

Senator Hodges moved that the President appoint a committee of three to wait upon the House of Representatives and inform that body that the Senate is organized and ready to proceed to the business of the session, awaiting any communication which they may be pleased to convey.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Hodges, Adams and Bell as said committee.

The committee withdrew.

Senator Hilburn moved that the President appoint a committee of three to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the Senate is organized and ready to proceed to the business of the session, awaiting any message he may wish to convey to the body.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Hilburn, Getzen and Neel as said committee.

The committee withdrew.

The committee to wait upon the House of Representatives and notify that body of the organization of the Senate appeared at the bar of the Senate and reported to the President that the duty had been performed.

The committee was discharged.

The President announced that he had appointed Miss Amy P. Bassford as his Secretary.

MESSAGES FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL

The following communication from the Attorney General was received and ordered spread upon the Journal:

Office of the Attorney General.
Tallahassee, Florida, April 7, 1931.

Hon. Pat Whitaker,
President of the Senate,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 128, Compiled General Laws (Section 104, Revised General Statutes of 1920), I hereby recommend Mrs. Mary M. Meginniss, as a person experienced in indexing, to supervise and assist the respective clerks of each branch of the Legislature having such work in hand in making the index for both the House and Senate Journals during the Regular Session of the Legislature of 1931.

Very respectfully,

CAREY D. LANDIS,
Attorney-General.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor to notify him of the organization of the Senate and that this body awaits his pleasure appeared at the bar of the Senate and stated they had performed the duty assigned them and that the Governor welcomes the readiness of the body for business.

The committee was discharged.

Senator Futch moved that the rules of the 1929 session be adopted by the Senate to govern the body until such time as new rules may be reported by the Rules Committee appointed for the 1931 session.

Which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

By Senator Harris—

Senate Resolution No. 1:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the State of Florida that the Secretary of State shall furnish to the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, for use of the Senators, upon a requisition to be signed by the Sergeant-at-Arms, such of the Statutes, General and Special, when requested by the Senators; each Senator, at the time of receiving any or said books, shall sign a receipt to the Sergeant-at-Arms, and shall, by the end of the session, return said books, so received, to the Sergeant-at-Arms, and to be in turn by the Sergeant-at-Arms returned to the Secretary of State.

Senator Harris moved the adoption of the Resolution.

Which was agreed to and the Resolution was adopted.

A committee from the House of Representatives appeared at the bar of the Senate and notified the Senate that the House of Representatives was duly organized and ready to proceed.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

By Senator Getzen—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING:

That the Senate respectfully advises and concurs with the House of Representatives in advising the Governor that the Legislature by his request assemble in the hall of the House of Representatives at 11 o'clock A. M., April 8, A. D. 1931, for the purpose of receiving his Excellency's Message.

Which was read the first time.

Senator Getzen moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 be read the second time in full.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 was read the second time in full.

Senator Getzen moved the adoption of the Resolution.

Which was agreed to and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 was adopted.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives immediately, the rule having been waived.

By Senator Harris—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

WHEREAS, one of the most important matters to come before this session of the Legislature is that of balancing of the State Budget to be sure that sufficient income is provided to meet appropriations, and,

WHEREAS, in order to intelligently handle the matter and keep the Legislature advised thereof it is necessary that a record be made of all bills introduced carrying appropriations, as well as those providing revenues for the State, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE CONCURRING,

That the joint committee on legislative expenses be authorized to obtain the services of a clerk or bookkeeper, preferably if possible some one already in the employ of the State to save expense, whose duty it shall be to keep a record by number of each bill introduced carrying an appropriation and the amount thereof carrying the totals, and also a separate record of those measures carrying appropriations that have become laws so that the Legislature may be kept informed as to the amounts appropriated for any and all purposes.

And said clerk shall also keep a record of all measures providing revenues for the State with the number of such bills and the amount of revenue estimated as likely to be produced thereby, to the end that the State's budget may be balanced and this Legislature be fully advised on this important subject as its work progresses.

Senator Harris moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 be read the second time in full.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 was read the second time in full.

Senator Harris moved the adoption of the Resolution.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 was adopted.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives immediately, the rule having been waived.

Senator Futch moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

And the Senate stood adjourned till 10:30 A. M., Wednesday, April 8, 1931.